

Hurricane Harvey Response 2017 and

Community Liaison (CL) Report

TO: Alpha Team Leader

FROM: CL Team: Rebecca Wenner, David Robertson, Delia Garcia

SUBJECT: Summary of Activities by the Team on October 2, 2017

COUNTY: Calhoun and Refugio, Texas

DATE: 10/02/2017

Calhoun County

Seadrift

Seadrift Library

- Located at 502 S. 4th Street
- Librarian we spoke with confirmed that residents are definitely dealing with mold, her house was badly damaged and she has been denied help by Red Cross four times

Port O'Connor

POC Hardware

- Located at 1738 Adams Ave
- Left brochures on mold remediation

Port O'Conner Library

- Spoke with Shirley, the Librarian
- Librarian indicated she had not heard about anybody dealing with mold, we provided her with some brochures in case anybody came inquiring about it

Port Lavaca

Ed Melcher Hardware

- Old hardware store, did not sale supplies to deal with hurricane damage and owner was not interested in information we had to provide.

HEB Grocery Store

- Left brochures, customer service indicated they had to get approval for posting

ACE Hardware

- Spoke with Tony, the store manager
- He informed us that many of his customers were dealing with mold
- Also informed us that plywood prices were going up by 25% due to supply and demand issues

Texas Commercial Fire and Safety

- Spoke with Sherry who informed us that she had been told by 3M that people need to wear N-100 masks and that N-95 masks do not provide enough protection against mold

Tractor Supply

- Spoke with Tony, the store manager
- We provided him with brochures to share with his customers

Power Electric Hardware

- Left brochures on mold remediation

Sherwin Williams

- Spoke with Patrick, he took our brochures and indicated he would be sharing with his customers.

Calhoun School District

- Spoke with Briana Hardin, left brochures and CD with her and she was going to provide to curriculum personnel and to their maintenance staff (we also left brochures on how to deal with mold in schools)

M Asian Cuisine

- Left Vietnamese and English brochures for them to share with their customers

FEMA DRC – Calhoun County Library

- Stopped by FEMA DRC and left additional brochures on their mitigation table

Refugio County

Austwell

- Drove around and noted many of the older buildings damaged, and many trees uprooted
- No fire department, city hall, or any other government building
- We drove to the Post Office but it had a sign on the door indicated it was closed due to mold

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:

- 3M (respirator manufacturer) informed one of the hardware stores that people need to wear N-100 masks and that N-95 masks do not provide enough protection against mold

COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

- Mold in residences related to roof damage and associated water leaks.

STRATEGY FOR TUESDAY OCTOBER 03, 2017:

- Visit Salvation Army food distribution center in San Antonio and attempt to reach citizens and distribute fliers (distributing food 8:30-1:00 PM). 1802 Buford St.

- Visit Aransas and San Patricio Counties and attempt to make new contacts.